

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION**

ALAN MAURICE CHILDRESS,

Plaintiff,

v.

AMBER KOOYMAN, et al.,

Defendants.

No. 1:24-CV-00235 SPM

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

On January 8, 2025, Childress filed twenty-seven pages of print outs showing deposits made into his inmate account at the Pemiscot County Jail between July 29, 2024 and December 20, 2024. [ECF No. 5]. This document cannot suffice as the six-month account statement, however, that is required for plaintiff to proceed in forma pauperis pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(2). First, the document does not contain any certification by the “appropriate official of each prison at which the prisoner is ... confined.” 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(2). Second, the document does not indicate Childress’ account balance over the course of the relevant six-month period. Section 1915(a)(2) requires that a plaintiff furnish an account statement “for the 6–month period immediately preceding the filing of the complaint....” 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(2). Additionally, there is no motion to proceed in forma pauperis currently pending.

Because Childress is proceeding pro se, the Court will provide him one last chance to either pay the \$405 filing fee or submit a motion to proceed in forma pauperis with an accompanying prison account statement. Childress shall, no later than **February 3, 2025**, either (1) pay the filing fee or (2) file a motion to proceed without prepaying the fees. If he files a motion to proceed without prepaying the fees, Childress must also file a certified copy of his prison account statement

for the six-month period immediately preceding the filing of the complaint. 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(2). Failure to timely pay the filing fee or file a motion to proceed without prepayment of fees will result in the Court dismissing this case without prejudice and without further notice.

Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that plaintiff shall, no later than February 3, 2025, either (1) pay the filing \$405 filing fee or (2) file a motion to proceed without prepaying the fees along with an accompanying certified account statement for the six-month period immediately preceding the filing of the complaint.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if plaintiff fails to comply with this Order, this matter will be **DISMISSED**, without prejudice.

Dated this 16th day of January, 2025.



SHIRLEY PADMORE MENSAH
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE